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SUBJECT: TFHO1: HONDURAS COUP SITREP #45 08/18/2009 AS OF
12:00 LOCAL (14:00 EDT)

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 772 AND OTHERS

DEMONSTRATIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITY

[¶1.](#) (SBU) On August 18, as of 11:30 local (13:30 EDT), a medium (1,000-5,000 people) group of pro-Zelaya supporters arrived at the Supreme Court; police also arrived.

[¶2.](#) (SBU) On August 17, in Villanueva, Cortes, a suburb of San Pedro Sula, members of the anti-bomb squad found a de-fused grenade, of Russian origin, at a National Electrical Energy Company plant. Police report no arrests have been made in connection with the incident.

[¶3.](#) (SBU) On August 16, at 01:30 local, in Comayaguela, a city adjacent to Tegucigalpa, two people riding on a motorcycle threw a molotov cocktail in a commercial parking lot; two cars were burned. No one was injured.

[¶4.](#) (SBU) At present, there are no curfews in place in the country. The Embassy Warden Message urges AmCits to consult television and radio announcements each night in case a curfew is again imposed.

Infrastructure and Communications

[¶5.](#) (SBU) Toncontín International Airport in Tegucigalpa (TGU) and San Pedro Sula airport remain open.

[¶6.](#) (U) Most of Honduras' land borders with Guatemala and El Salvador are currently open to commercial and private vehicles. The borders between Honduras and Nicaragua have been closed intermittently since Friday, July 24.

[¶7.](#) (U) There are no reports of abnormal public utility outages in the country.

Consular and Embassy Operations

¶8. (U) The Embassy is open for normal business on Tuesday, August 18. Barring any changes in the security situation, the Consular Section will remain open for regular consular services until further notice.

¶9. (U) The Consular Section continues to receive sporadic inquiries from AmCits regarding the political situation. Post circulated a Warden Message Monday, August 10. The Consular Section continues to regularly update ACS information on the Embassy website.

¶10. (SBU) The next EAC meeting will be held as needed.
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